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APPLICANTS' REPLY

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Dear Sir,

This 51 page communication is responsive to a Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed January 25, 2008. The Office Action has been carefully considered and the Applicants are filing a request for reexamination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(d). The Applicants have the following comments:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the Applicants' Reply and are reflected in the listing of claims.

Remarks begin on page 10 of the Applicants' Reply.

Appendix A is attached following page 51 of the Applicants' Reply.